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**From:** Holsman, Marianne  
**Sent:** Thur 3/17/2016 9:47:31 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Talk with OPB about moss testing?

Hi Cassandra:

Someone also forwarded me the email you sent to Dennis. I'll look into your questions and see if there is someone you can talk with about moss and urban air quality. Are you on a specific deadline for this one?

Yes, let's talk about Portland Harbor. As we discussed at our meeting in Portland, I'd love it if we could work in advance so that we could create some good visuals for an online story. We're still targeting early April for the release of the Proposed Plan, so it's coming right up!

Marianne

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**From:** Cassandra Profita [mailto:cprofita@opb.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2016 1:55 PM  
**To:** Holsman, Marianne <Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Talk with OPB about moss testing?

Hi Marianne,

I'm writing to see if Dennis McLerran or someone else at the EPA would be able to talk with me about the potential for moss testing to flag air quality problems that air monitors can't catch. I've been covering the discovery of heavy metal hot spots in Portland, and learning that the fact that there are only a few air

monitors testing the air in any city means regulators don't really know what's in the air in any particular neighborhood. I'd be interested in hearing the EPA's perspective on how much the agency knows about what's in the air – particularly in urban neighborhoods – and whether the agency sees moss testing as a way to learn more.

Let me know if you can connect me with someone. It would be great to hear from Dennis, but it doesn't have to be him if there's someone else who is knowledgeable about air quality issues and tuned into the moss sampling discoveries in Portland.

Thanks in advance, and btw also planning Portland Harbor coverage. Looks like I will be visiting the Northwest Natural water treatment site somewhat soon.

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